1 WO 2 3 4 5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA 7 MICHAEL C. BAUERLEIN, surviving NO. CV04-1904-PHX-SMM 8 natural father of BROOKE LYNNE BAUERLEIN, deceased minor, 9 **ORDER** individually and on behalf of all wrongful death beneficiaries, including SHANNON 10 BAUERLEIN, surviving mother of BROOKE LYNNE BAUERLEIN, 11 deceased minor; and PATRICIA JOELEE BAUERLEIN, through MICHEAL C. 12 BAUERLEIN, her natural parent and next friend, 13 Plaintiffs, 14 v. 15 **EQUITY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES** 16 MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, an Illinois Corporation d/b/a LA 17 MARIPOSA; LOTUS & WINDOWARE, INC., a California Corporation; JUMBO 18 SURPLUS CORPORATION, a Taiwanese Corporation; JOHN and JANE 19 DOES I-X; and BLACK and WHITE CORPORATIONS/ PARTNERSHIPS I-20 21 Defendants. 22 23 24 Pending before the Court are (1) Defendant Equity Residential Property 25 Management Corporation's ("Equity") Motion to Permit Party Representative to Appear Telephonically at the Rule 16 Scheduling Conference scheduled to take place on 26

February 22, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. (dkt. 169); (2) Plaintiff Michael Bauerline's Motion to Permit his Lead Counsel to Make a Telephonic Appearance at the February 22, 2007 Preliminary Pretrial Conference (dkt. 171); (3) Plaintiff Shannon Bauerline's Motion to Permit her Telephonic Appearance at the February 22, 2007 Preliminary Pretrial Conference (dkt. 173); and (4) Defendant Jumbo's Motion to Amend Order Regarding Preliminary Pretrial Conference and, in the alternative, Motion to Permit Party Representatives' Telephonic Appearance (dkt. 174).

Defendant Jumbo requests that the Court amend the Order setting the Preliminary Pretrial Conference so that parties are not required "to have present a representative with settlement authority" (dkt. 174 at 2). In the alternative, Jumbo seeks permission to appear telephonically at the Preliminary Pretrial Conference.

The Court granted Jumbo's request to hold a second Preliminary Pretrial Conference in order to prepare a second scheduling order that will assist all parties in preparing for trial. See Dkt. 163. The issues to be discussed at the Conference will focus on the parties' Proposed Case Management Plan, which counsel for each party shall be adequately prepared to discuss. As a result, the Court agrees with Jumbo that personal representatives of the parties should not be required to attend the Preliminary Pretrial Conference scheduled for February 22, 2007.

However, each of the party representatives who have requested permission to appear telephonically (<u>i.e.</u>, Jumbo, Equity, and Shannon Bauerline) *may*, *but are not required to*, appear by telephone according to the instructions outlined below. Similarly, for good cause shown, Plaintiff Michael Bauerline's attorneys may appear telephonically at the February 22, 2007 Preliminary Pretrial Conference according to the instructions outlined below.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED GRANTING Defendant Jumbo's Motion to Amend Order Regarding Preliminary Pretrial Conference and, in the alternative, Motion to Permit Party Representatives' Telephonic Appearance. (Dkt. 174.)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Order Setting Rule 16 Preliminary

Pretrial Conference (dkt. 167) is hereby amended in the following respect only: The paragraph beginning at page 2, lines 3-10, is deleted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED GRANTING (1) Defendant Equity's Motion to Permit Party Representative to Appear Telephonically at the Rule 16 Scheduling Conference; (2) Plaintiff Michael Bauerline's Motion to Permit his Counsel to Make a Telephonic Appearance at the Preliminary Pretrial Conference; (3) Plaintiff Shannon Bauerline's Motion to Permit her Telephonic Appearance at the Preliminary Pretrial Conference; and (4) Defendant Jumbo's Motion to Permit Party Representative's Telephonic Appearance. (Dkts. 169, 171, 173, 174.)

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the following persons may, but are not required to, telephonically attend the Rule 16 Preliminary Pretrial Conference on February 22, 2007: (1) the party representative of Equity, Mr Joel Davis; (2) Shannon Bauerline; and (3) the party representative of Jumbo Surplus Corporation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff Michael Bauerline's lead counsel, James Onder and James Corrigan, shall be required to telephonically attend the Rule 16 Preliminary Pretrial Conference on February 22, 2007.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if the party representative of Equity (Mr. Joel Davis) and/or the party representative of Jumbo elect to telephonically attend the Preliminary Pretrial Conference, counsel for Equity and counsel for Jumbo shall inform Plaintiff's lead counsel (Messrs. Onder and Corrigan). Plaintiff's lead counsel shall coordinate and place a conference call with all persons who elect to telephonically appear on one clear telephone line to the Court at 3:55 p.m. on February 22, 2007. The

Court's telephone number is 602-322-7555. It is imperative that all parties who telephonically attend the Preliminary Pretrial Conference call the Court on one clear telephone line because the Court cannot coordinate or place conference calls.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel for Plaintiff Shannon Bauerline shall communicate this information to Plaintiff Shannon Bauerline so that she may elect whether to telephonically appear at the Preliminary Pretrial Conference. If Plaintiff Shannon Bauerline elects to appear telephonically, Plaintiff Michael Bauerline's lead counsel shall include her in any conference call placed to the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Frank Powers, local counsel for Plaintiff, shall appear at the February 22, 2007 Preliminary Pretrial Conference in person.

Plaintiff Michael Bauerline may, but is not required to, attend the February 22, 2007 Preliminary Pretrial Conference.

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2007.

Stephen M. McNamee United States District Judge